

## **Historic, Archive Document**

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.



DECEMBER 1953

# TRADE IN GRAIN FUTURES

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ISSUED MONTHLY  
BY  
COMMODITY  
EXCHANGE  
AUTHORITY



## CONTENTS

### WHEAT:

- Table 1. Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
- Table 2. Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
- Table 3. Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
- Table 4. Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
- Table 5. Daily closing prices at Chicago, Minneapolis,  
Kansas City and Liverpool
- Table 6. High, low and closing prices, three principal futures,  
Chicago Board of Trade

### CORN:

- Table 7. Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
- Table 8. Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
- Table 9. Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
- Table 10. Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
- Table 11. High, low and closing prices, three principal futures,  
Chicago Board of Trade

### OWTS:

- Table 12. Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
- Table 13. Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
- Table 14. Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
- Table 15. Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
- Table 16. Daily closing prices, Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg;  
and rate of exchange, Canadian currency
- Table 17. High, low and closing prices, three principal futures,  
Chicago Board of Trade

### RYE:

- Table 18. Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
- Table 19. Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
- Table 20. Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
- Table 21. Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
- Table 22. Daily closing prices, Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg
- Table 23. High, low and closing prices, three principal futures,  
Chicago Board of Trade

### GRAN SORGHUMS:

- Table 24. Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
- Table 25. Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
- Table 26. Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
- Table 27. Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
- Table 28. Daily closing prices, Chicago and Kansas City

### SOYBEANS:

- Table 29. Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
- Table 30. Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
- Table 31. High, low and closing prices, three principal futures,  
Chicago Board of Trade

### DELIVERIES:

- Table 32. 1953 NOVEMBER FUTURE: Deliveries of grain on all contract markets

The open contract figures shown in this publication are the aggregates of positions long (or short) carried on the books of clearing members.

Key: a - asked price: b - bid price: n - nominal quotation



Table 1. WHEAT: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
December 1953

Date	: Chicago : Board of : Trade	: Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange	Kansas City : Board of : Trade	Other : contract : markets	Total
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>December</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	18,693	1,717	1,901	205	22,516
2	18,079	2,091	1,294	225	21,689
3	17,120	1,399	1,178	222	19,919
4	12,950	1,075	1,202	204	15,431
Saturday					
Sunday					
7	19,484	1,182	1,159	266	22,091
8	12,761	1,628	878	192	15,459
9	16,997	1,789	905	240	19,931
10	10,657	1,190	940	195	12,982
11	10,772	1,458	709	133	13,072
Saturday					
Sunday					
14	11,422	1,354	980	181	13,937
15	10,513	1,076	699	171	12,459
16	7,381	1,267	610	130	9,388
17	12,275	1,190	1,190	293	14,948
18	8,695	1,265	680	199	10,839
Saturday					
Sunday					
21	12,191	1,631	967	151	14,940
22	6,824	577	582	215	8,198
23	9,730	658	594	193	11,175
24	8,911	393	813	122	10,239
Holiday					
Saturday					
Sunday					
28	9,965	900	922	189	11,976
29	9,795	1,352	1,259	185	12,591
30	7,486	1,067	819	178	9,550
31	5,181	939	670	113	6,903
Total					
Dec. 1953	257,882	27,198	20,951	4,202	310,233
Nov. 1953	302,496	39,778	23,495	5,280	371,049
Dec. 1952	220,121	26,409	41,072	3,759	291,361

Table 2. WHEAT: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
December 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	December	March	May	July	September	
1953 December	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1	5,400	5,856	5,935	1,337	65	18,693
2	3,886	7,078	5,738	1,308	69	18,079
3	3,108	5,998	6,631	1,283	100	17,120
4	2,113	5,195	4,310	1,118	214	12,950
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	2,459	6,265	7,587	2,886	287	19,484
8	1,084	4,916	5,541	1,047	173	12,761
9	2,222	6,887	6,181	1,429	278	16,997
10	745	4,023	4,503	1,176	210	10,657
11	647	4,189	4,275	1,556	105	10,772
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	711	4,960	4,467	1,164	120	11,422
15	220	4,113	4,727	1,253	200	10,513
16	334	2,679	3,196	1,124	48	7,381
17	483	4,413	5,910	1,277	192	12,275
18	732	3,448	3,306	884	325	8,695
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	1,521	4,368	4,668	1,163	471	12,191
22	---	3,028	2,596	852	348	6,824
23	---	4,126	4,259	1,030	315	9,730
24	---	3,665	4,166	762	318	8,911
Holiday						
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	4,482	4,434	899	150	9,965
29	---	3,446	4,038	2,020	291	9,795
30	---	2,789	3,747	853	97	7,486
31	---	2,082	2,255	644	200	5,181
Total						
Dec. 1953	25,765	98,006	102,470	27,065	4,576	257,882
Nov. 1953	132,926	58,796	79,343	26,585	4,846	302,496
Dec. 1952	23,803	57,615	100,117	32,413	6,173	220,121

Table 3. WHEAT: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
December 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Kansas City Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1953 <u>December</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>
1	80,792	11,844	9,676	483	102,795
2	80,641	11,438	9,361	489	101,929
3	80,693	11,335	9,485	483	101,996
4	80,056	11,377	9,337	501	101,271
Saturday					
Sunday					
7	79,312	11,520	9,477	506	100,815
8	78,444	11,539	9,436	514	99,933
9	78,170	11,332	9,429	515	99,446
10	77,686	11,362	9,377	504	98,929
11	78,133	11,323	9,413	499	99,368
Saturday					
Sunday					
14	77,182	11,329	9,087	500	98,098
15	76,880	11,251	9,071	520	97,722
16	76,350	11,246	8,986	545	97,127
17	75,634	11,266	9,020	473	96,393
18	76,090	11,066	8,997	458	96,611
Saturday					
Sunday					
21	75,035	10,770	8,945	452	95,202
22	74,411	10,786	8,854	495	94,546
23	73,838	10,833	8,922	470	94,063
24	74,451	10,774	8,973	472	94,670
Holiday					
Saturday					
Sunday					
28	74,233	10,786	9,026	472	94,517
29	73,476	10,578	8,993	491	93,538
30	72,819	10,640	9,105	480	93,044
31	72,863	10,657	9,282	480	93,282

Table 4. WHEAT: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
December 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	December	March	May	July	September		
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953							
December	1,000 bushels						
1	7,391	30,323	28,381	11,800	2,897	80,792	
2	5,405	32,001	28,485	11,837	2,913	80,641	
3	4,592	32,334	28,862	11,972	2,933	80,693	
4	4,245	32,457	28,415	11,889	3,050	80,056	
Saturday							
Sunday							
7	4,012	32,509	28,035	11,588	3,168	79,312	
8	3,281	32,413	27,907	11,651	3,192	78,444	
9	3,231	32,065	27,637	11,956	3,281	78,170	
10	2,577	31,862	27,774	12,117	3,356	77,686	
11	2,287	32,110	28,172	12,174	3,390	78,133	
Saturday							
Sunday							
14	1,731	31,275	28,357	12,396	3,423	77,182	
15	1,603	30,903	28,382	12,535	3,457	76,880	
16	1,506	30,889	28,114	12,408	3,433	76,350	
17	1,318	30,600	27,944	12,343	3,429	75,634	
18	1,183	30,905	28,013	12,397	3,592	76,090	
Saturday							
Sunday							
21	634	30,397	27,932	12,407	3,665	75,035	
22	67	30,109	28,151	12,494	3,590	74,411	
23	---	29,667	28,024	12,471	3,676	73,838	
24	---	29,753	28,622	12,350	3,726	74,451	
Holiday							
Saturday							
Sunday							
28	---	29,981	28,344	12,180	3,728	74,233	
29	---	30,129	27,695	11,941	3,711	73,476	
30	---	29,673	27,421	11,993	3,732	72,819	
31	---	29,780	27,315	11,964	3,804	72,863	

Table 5. WHEAT: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis,  
Kansas City and Liverpool  
December 1953

Date	1954 May future			
	Chicago	Minneapolis	Kansas City	Liverpool 1/
	Board of Trade	Grain Exchange	Board of Trade	Liverpool 1/
1953				
December	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>
1	206 1/2-3/4	229 1/4	213 1/4	194
2	207 5/8-3/4	230 1/8	213 7/8	194 5/8
3	207 1/2-5/8	229 7/8	213 1/8	193 3/4
4	208 3/4-7/8	230 1/8	213 3/8	186 3/8
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	210 1/8-1/4	230 1/4	214 1/8-1/4	186 1/4
8	210 1/4-3/8	229 3/8	212 1/2	187 7/8
9	208-08 1/8	227 1/4 a	211	189
10	208 1/8-1/4	227 3/4	211 1/2	188 3/8
11	208 1/8-1/4	227 7/8	211 7/8	188
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	206-06 1/8	225 1/2	210 1/2	188 3/8
15	205 7/8-06	225 3/8	210 7/8	187 5/8
16	205 7/8-06	225 3/4	211 3/8	187
17	205 5/8-3/4	226 5/8 b	211 1/2-5/8	186 1/4
18	204 1/2-5/8	227 1/4	211 3/8	186 1/8
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	204 1/2-5/8	226 7/8-27	210 1/8-1/4	186 1/8
22	204-04 1/8	226 1/4 a	210 5/8	185 1/2
23	204 1/4-3/8	227	210 7/8-11	187 1/2
24	206 1/4-3/8	229 3/8-1/2	213	187 5/8
Holiday				
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	208-08 1/8	230 1/2	213 1/2	189
29	207 5/8	229 3/8 b	213 3/4	189 5/8
30	206 5/8-3/4	227 1/4	213 1/8	191
31	207-07 1/8	227 1/4	212 1/2	191

1/ Quotations taken from the price board of the Chicago Board of Trade;  
prices appearing thereon already converted to cents per bushel from  
shillings and pence per cental.

Table 6. "HEAT: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, December 1953

Date	1953 December future			1954 March future			1954 May future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1953 December	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1	:201 1/2	198	201 1/4-3/8	:206 7/8	204 1/4	206 5/8-3/4	:206 3/4	203 3/4	206 1/2-3/4
2	:203	201 1/4	202 3/8	:208 1/2	207 1/8	207 7/8-08	:208 1/4	206 7/8	207 5/8-3/4
3	:204 7/8	202	203 1/4	:209 3/4	207 3/8	208-08 1/8	:209 1/4	207 1/4	207 1/2-5/8
4	:204 3/4	202	204 3/8-1/2	:209 1/2	207 1/2	209 3/8-1/2	:208 7/8	207 3/8	208 3/4-7/8
Saturday:									
Sunday:									
7	:207 1/8	204 1/2	206 3/4	:212	209 5/8	211 1/4-3/8	:211 1/8	208 3/4	210 1/8-1/4
8	:207 3/8	206	207 1/4	:211 3/4	210 1/8	211-11 1/8	:210 7/8	209 1/4	210 1/4-3/8
9	:208 1/4	205 1/2	205 1/2-5/8	:211 1/2	208 5/8	208 5/8-3/4	:210 5/8	208 1/8	208-08 1/8
10	:206 1/8	204 1/2	205 1/8	:209 1/4	207 5/8	208 3/4	:208 3/4	206 7/8	208 1/8-1/4
11	:206	204 1/4	205-05 1/8	:209 7/8	207 7/8	208 5/8-7/8	:209 3/8	207 3/8	208 1/8-1/4
Saturday:									
Sunday:									
14	:204 7/8	202	202-02 1/8	:208 1/4	206 1/8	206 1/8-1/4	:208 1/4	206	206-06 1/8
15	:203 1/4	201 3/4	203	:206 7/8	205 5/8	206 5/8	:205 1/2	205 1/2	205 7/8-06
16	:203 5/8	202 5/8	202 3/4-7/8	:207 3/8	206	206 1/8-1/4	:207	205 7/8	205 7/8-06
17	:203 3/8	199 3/4	201 1/2	:206 3/4	203 1/4	205-05 1/8	:206 5/8	204	205 5/8-3/4
18	:201 1/2	200	200 7/8-01	:204 7/8	203 1/2	204	:205 1/2	204 3/8	204 1/2-5/8
Saturday:									
Sunday:									
21	:202 1/2	199 1/2	201 1/2-02 1/2	:204 3/8	202 3/4	204 1/8-3/8	:205	203 3/8	204 1/2-5/8
22	---	---	---	:204 3/4	203	203-03 3/8	:205 1/2	204 1/2	204-04 1/8
23	---	---	---	:204 1/2	202 3/8	204 1/8-1/4	:204 7/8	203 1/2	204 1/4-3/8
24	---	---	---	:205 7/8	204	205 5/8-3/4	:206 1/2	204 1/4	206 1/4-3/8
Holiday:									
Saturday:									
Sunday:									
28	---	---	---	:208	207 1/2	207 3/4-7/8	:208 1/4	206 7/8	208-08 1/8
29	---	---	---	:208 1/2	207 3/8	207 1/2-5/8	:208 1/2	207 1/2	207 5/8
30	---	---	---	:207 5/8	206	206 1/4	:207 5/8	206 1/2	206 5/8-3/4
31	---	---	---	:206 3/4	206 1/8	206 1/2-3/4	:207 1/4	206 5/8	207-07 1/8

Table 7. CORN: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
December 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>December</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	17,420	129	17,549
2	13,469	166	13,635
3	9,865	52	9,917
4	11,466	82	11,548
Saturday			
Sunday			
7	7,873	57	7,930
8	8,529	58	8,587
9	14,428	115	14,543
10	9,521	85	9,606
11	7,306	76	7,382
Saturday			
Sunday			
14	8,331	86	8,417
15	9,131	60	9,191
16	6,139	86	6,225
17	10,553	128	10,681
18	8,597	53	8,650
Saturday			
Sunday			
21	12,468	122	12,590
22	7,416	83	7,499
23	10,058	174	10,232
24	4,991	95	5,086
Holiday			
Saturday			
Sunday			
28	8,977	94	9,071
29	8,513	49	8,562
30	7,710	69	7,779
31	5,211	60	5,271
Total			
Dec. 1953	207,972	1,979	209,951
Nov. 1953	265,915	2,308	268,223
Dec. 1952	284,221	3,573	287,794

Table 8. CORN: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
December 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	December	March	May	July	September	:	
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953							
December	1,000 bushels						
1	4,709	3,545	7,028	1,987	151	17,420	
2	2,781	2,494	7,000	1,107	87	13,469	
3	1,868	2,493	4,492	766	246	9,865	
4	2,509	2,669	5,090	1,086	112	11,466	
Saturday							
Sunday							
7	2,216	1,733	2,916	901	107	7,873	
8	1,601	2,123	3,858	819	128	8,529	
9	2,055	3,372	7,107	1,406	488	14,428	
10	1,093	2,151	5,032	1,055	190	9,521	
11	847	1,572	3,852	923	112	7,306	
Saturday							
Sunday							
14	919	2,133	4,529	663	87	8,331	
15	1,020	2,189	4,275	1,433	214	9,131	
16	451	1,688	2,792	892	316	6,139	
17	870	3,162	4,996	1,316	209	10,553	
18	1,223	1,854	4,624	685	211	8,597	
Saturday							
Sunday							
21	3,320	2,882	5,478	676	112	12,468	
22	---	1,509	4,718	1,071	118	7,416	
23	---	2,296	5,610	1,985	167	10,058	
24	---	1,196	2,865	879	51	4,991	
Holiday							
Saturday							
Sunday							
28	---	1,521	5,657	1,603	196	8,977	
29	---	1,455	5,588	1,394	76	8,513	
30	---	1,306	4,946	1,368	90	7,710	
31	---	1,079	3,264	821	47	5,211	
Total							
Dec. 1953	27,482	46,422	105,717	24,836	3,515	207,972	
Nov. 1953	123,215	38,906	78,717	22,813	2,264	265,915	
Dec. 1952	38,386	64,912	148,234	29,569	3,120	284,221	

Table 9. CORN: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
December 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>December</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	87,832	317	88,149
2	86,685	309	86,994
3	86,280	307	86,587
4	86,432	298	86,730
Saturday			
Sunday			
7	86,617	288	86,905
8	85,787	286	86,073
9	83,235	310	83,545
10	81,943	314	82,257
11	81,625	298	81,923
Saturday			
Sunday			
14	81,342	308	81,650
15	81,062	313	81,375
16	80,819	303	81,122
17	81,430	286	81,716
18	81,378	289	81,667
Saturday			
Sunday			
21	79,358	242	79,600
22	78,973	255	79,228
23	78,707	248	78,955
24	78,450	281	78,731
Holiday			
Saturday			
Sunday			
28	77,781	270	78,051
29	78,200	271	78,471
30	78,202	275	78,477
31	78,005	256	78,261

Table 10. CORN:

Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
December 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	December	March	May	July	September	:	
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953							
December	1,000 bushels						
1	11,158	21,884	39,374	14,056	1,360	87,832	
2	9,112	22,437	39,485	14,301	1,350	86,685	
3	8,277	22,236	39,907	14,421	1,439	86,260	
4	7,452	22,821	39,985	14,686	1,488	86,432	
Saturday							
Sunday							
7	6,550	23,347	40,263	14,962	1,495	86,617	
8	5,939	23,335	39,901	15,083	1,529	85,787	
9	4,982	22,716	39,060	14,827	1,650	83,235	
10	4,479	22,204	38,670	14,933	1,657	81,943	
11	4,037	22,146	38,781	14,988	1,673	81,625	
Saturday							
Sunday							
14	3,528	21,983	39,032	15,119	1,680	81,342	
15	3,107	21,862	39,069	15,278	1,746	81,062	
16	2,680	21,857	39,169	15,298	1,815	80,819	
17	2,476	22,092	39,291	15,705	1,866	81,430	
18	1,929	22,231	39,658	15,738	1,822	81,378	
Saturday							
Sunday							
21	676	22,341	38,726	15,792	1,823	79,358	
22	131	22,338	38,626	16,078	1,800	78,973	
23	40	22,180	38,186	16,390	1,911	78,707	
24	---	21,919	37,954	16,654	1,923	78,450	
Holiday							
Saturday							
Sunday							
28	---	21,756	37,647	16,514	1,864	77,781	
29	---	21,482	38,088	16,748	1,882	78,200	
30	---	21,354	37,997	16,979	1,872	78,202	
31	---	21,284	37,974	16,900	1,847	78,005	

Table 11. CORN: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, December 1953

Date	1953 December future			1954 March future			1954 May future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
December: Cents	Cents	Cents	! Cents	Cents	Cents	! Cents	Cents	Cents	
1	157 5/8	156 5/8	157 3/8-5/8	161	159 3/4	160 3/4-7/8	161 3/4	160 3/8	161 1/2-5/8
2	157 3/4	156 3/4	156 3/4-7/8	160	159 7/8	159 7/8-60	161 3/4	161 1/8-1/4	161 1/8-1/4
3	156 7/8	155 3/4	155 3/4-7/8	160	159 1/8	159 1/8	161 1/4	160 1/4-3/8	160 1/4-3/8
4	156 1/8	155 1/8	155 1/4-3/8	159	158 1/4	158 3/4-7/8	160 1/4	159 1/4	159 3/4-7/8
Saturday:									
Sunday:									
7	156 3/8	155 1/8	155 3/4-7/8	159	158 1/2	159 1/4-3/8	160 1/2	159 3/8	160-60 1/8
8	156 1/4	155 1/8	155 1/8	159	158 3/4	159-59 1/8	160 1/2	159 5/8	159 7/8-60
9	156	153 3/4	153 7/8-54	159	156 3/8	157 1/2	160 1/2	157 3/4	158 1/8-1/4
10	155	153 1/8	154 7/8-55	157	156 1/2	157 7/8	158 3/4	157 1/4	158 1/2-5/8
11	155 3/8	153 5/8	154 1/4-1/2	158	156 3/4	157 1/2-5/8	159	157 1/2	158 1/8-1/4
Saturday:									
Sunday:									
14	154 1/4	153 3/8	153 3/8-1/2	157	155 1/2	155 1/2-5/8	158	156 3/4	156 3/4-7/8
15	153 7/8	152 3/4	152 3/4-7/8	156	154 5/8	154 5/8-3/4	157	156 1/8	156 1/8
16	153 5/8	152 1/2	152 1/2	155	154 3/4	154 7/8	156 7/8	155 7/8	155 7/8-56
17	153 1/4	151 1/2	152 7/8	155	154 1/8	155 5/8-3/4	156 5/8	155 1/8	156 1/2-5/8
18	153 1/2	152 1/4	152 5/8-3/4	156	155 1/2	155 3/4-7/8	157	155 3/4	156 5/8-3/4
Saturday:									
Sunday:									
21	153 1/2	150 1/2	150 1/2-7/8	156	154 5/8	154 5/8-3/4	157	155 5/8	155 7/8-56 1/8
22	---	---	---	155	154 1/4	154 5/8-3/4	156	155 1/4	155 3/4-7/8
23	---	---	---	155	153 1/8	153 1/8	156	154 1/4	154 5/8-3/4
24	---	---	---	154	153 3/8	154 1/2	155	154 1/2	155 3/4-7/8
Holiday:									
Saturday:									
Sunday:									
28	---	---	---	156 7/8	155 1/4	156 3/4	158	156 1/2	157 7/8-58
29	---	---	---	157 1/4	156 1/4	156 1/4	158 1/4	157 1/4	157 3/8-1/2
30	---	---	---	156 1/4	155	155-55 1/8	157 3/8	156 1/8	156 3/8
31	---	---	---	156 1/4	155 1/8	156	157 1/2	157 3/8-1/2	

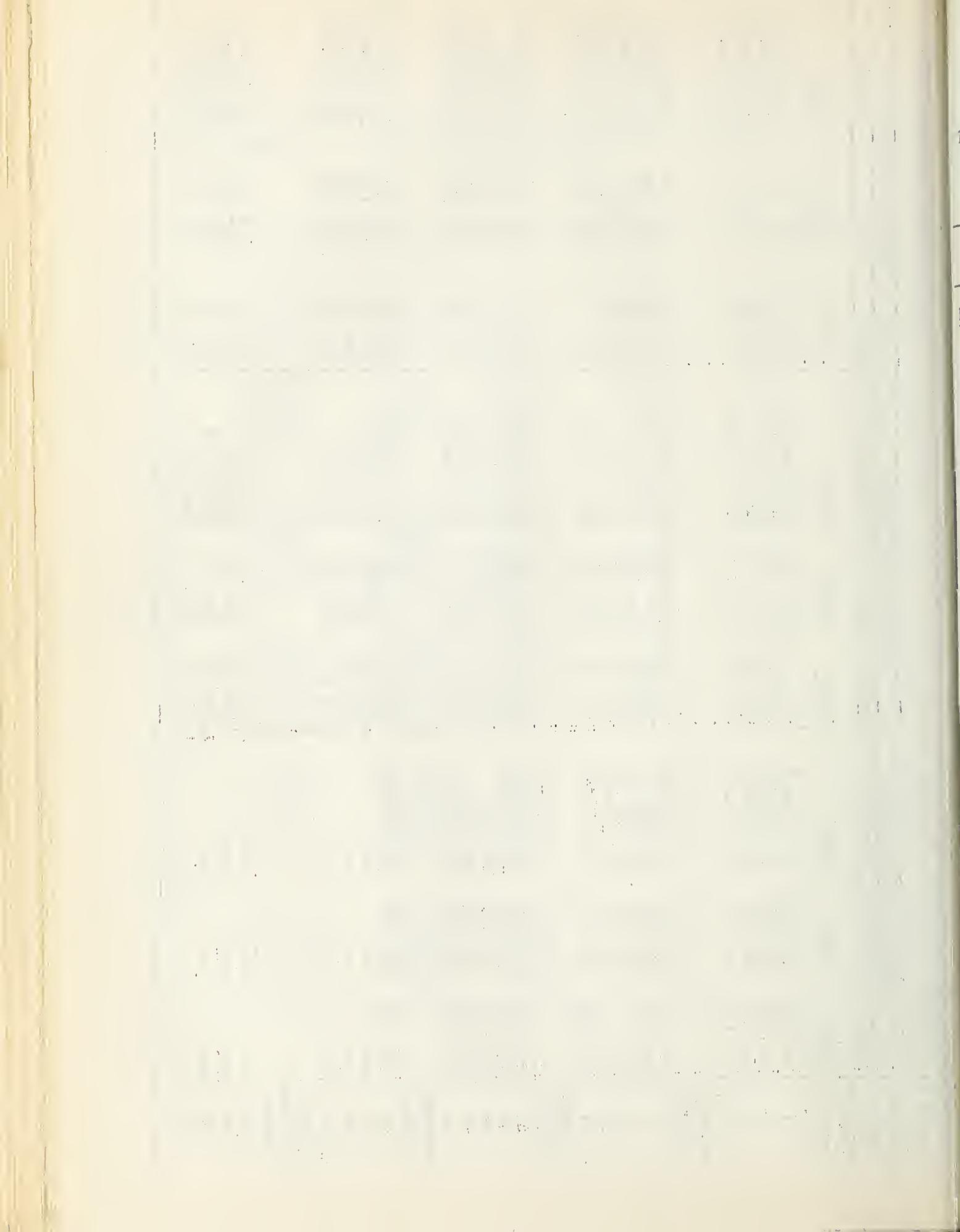


Table 12. OATS: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
December 1953

Date	Chicago	Minneapolis	Other contract markets	Total
	Board of Trade	Grain Exchange		
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
December	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	6,529	482	12	7,023
2	6,798	275	22	7,095
3	10,997	687	76	11,760
4	5,118	277	25	5,420
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	8,815	655	19	9,489
8	8,984	244	44	9,272
9	6,356	213	10	6,579
10	4,663	332	28	5,023
11	6,007	313	21	6,341
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	4,305	347	36	4,688
15	6,630	308	40	6,978
16	3,610	154	6	3,770
17	9,208	318	64	9,590
18	5,194	202	15	5,411
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	9,022	309	32	9,363
22	3,909	161	12	4,082
23	6,435	174	62	6,671
24	4,284	110	28	4,422
Holiday				
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	9,075	204	17	9,296
29	3,286	248	21	3,555
30	4,077	125	37	4,239
31	3,605	129	6	3,740
Total				
Dec. 1953	136,907	6,267	633	143,807
Nov. 1953	104,042	11,176	670	115,888
Dec. 1952	224,738	8,523	1,488	234,749

Table 13. OATS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
December 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	December	March	May	July	September	
1953	1,000 December bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1	1,804	2,146	2,448	121	10	6,529
2	1,084	2,119	2,737	741	117	6,798
3	1,472	4,077	4,529	719	200	10,997
4	937	1,861	1,901	404	15	5,118
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	883	3,807	3,784	319	22	8,815
8	1,150	3,971	3,354	494	15	8,984
9	831	2,213	2,755	537	20	6,356
10	545	2,045	1,797	241	35	4,663
11	1,075	2,231	2,288	326	87	6,007
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	265	1,837	1,851	342	10	4,305
15	493	2,571	3,131	390	45	6,630
16	400	1,280	1,727	181	22	3,610
17	1,159	3,640	3,615	679	115	9,208
18	988	1,659	1,797	710	40	5,194
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	2,436	3,511	2,517	534	24	9,022
22	---	1,386	1,805	586	132	3,909
23	---	2,164	3,558	589	124	6,435
24	---	1,737	2,075	255	217	4,284
Holiday						
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	3,582	4,414	855	224	9,075
29	---	1,131	1,715	303	137	3,286
30	---	1,550	2,275	194	58	4,077
31	---	1,525	1,712	311	57	3,605
Total						
Dec. 1953	15,522	52,043	57,785	9,831	1,726	136,907
Nov. 1953	36,911	30,043	31,120	5,968	---	104,042
Dec. 1952	44,247	76,684	80,147	20,690	2,970	224,738

Table 14. O^TS: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
December 1953

Date	Chicago : Board of : Trade	Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange	Other : contract : markets	Total
1953 <u>December</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>
1	52,646	5,573	175	58,394
2	52,381	5,650	159	58,190
3	52,589	5,558	192	58,339
4	52,946	5,553	199	58,698
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	53,987	5,485	204	59,676
8	55,003	5,027	218	60,248
9	54,728	4,785	212	59,725
10	54,988	4,688	196	59,872
11	54,849	4,616	200	59,665
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	54,650	4,645	190	59,485
15	55,067	4,568	191	59,826
16	54,993	4,284	193	59,470
17	54,049	4,212	195	58,456
18	54,373	4,104	188	58,665
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	53,778	4,062	202	58,042
22	53,236	4,096	192	57,524
23	52,797	4,168	158	57,123
24	52,193	4,003	158	56,354
Holiday				
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	50,822	4,068	148	55,038
29	50,957	4,013	155	55,125
30	51,170	4,010	160	55,340
31	51,515	4,030	160	55,705

Table 15. OATS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
December 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	December	March	May	July	September	
1953	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
December						
1	6,525	19,560	22,367	4,184	10	52,646
2	5,793	19,697	22,581	4,183	127	52,381
3	5,156	19,957	22,882	4,267	327	52,589
4	4,842	20,466	23,022	4,289	327	52,946
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	4,623	20,800	23,894	4,323	347	53,987
8	4,346	21,331	24,616	4,353	357	55,003
9	3,904	21,627	24,532	4,288	377	54,728
10	3,611	21,949	24,686	4,350	392	54,988
11	2,904	22,241	24,895	4,375	434	54,849
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	2,754	22,003	25,069	4,380	444	54,650
15	2,512	21,507	26,094	4,490	464	55,067
16	2,303	21,604	26,048	4,552	486	54,993
17	1,712	21,251	25,821	4,720	545	54,049
18	1,381	21,434	26,068	4,940	550	54,373
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	359	21,357	26,515	5,005	542	53,778
22	24	21,043	26,544	4,996	629	53,236
23	---	20,804	26,337	4,988	668	52,797
24	---	20,446	25,932	4,975	840	52,193
Holiday						
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	19,107	26,033	4,794	888	50,822
29	---	19,108	26,037	4,847	965	50,957
30	---	18,934	26,394	4,873	969	51,170
31	---	19,106	26,648	4,799	962	51,515

Table 16. OATS: Daily closing prices, Chicago Minneapolis and Winnipeg; and rate of exchange, Canadian Currency  
December 1953

Date	1954 May future				Canadian Currency	
	Chicago	Minneapolis	Winnipeg		Closing Quotation	<u>2/</u>
	Board of Trade	Grain Exchange	Grain Exchange			
1953						
<u>December</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>Percent</u>	
1	77 1/4-3/8	72 7/8	72 7/8 a	2 9/16	Premium	
2	77 7/8-78	73 1/8	72 7/8 b	2 1/2	"	
3	78 3/4	74	72 5/8-3/4	2 19/32	"	
4	78 1/4-3/8	73 5/8	73 1/4 b	2 19/32	"	
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	79 1/8-1 1/4	74 1/4	73 3/4	2 23/32	"	
8	78 7/8	74 3/8 a	73 1/2 a	2 3/4	"	
9	78 1/8-1 1/4	73 3/4	73 1/2 b	2 23/32	"	
10	78 3/4	73 7/8 b	73 3/4	2 51/64	"	
11	78 1/4-3/8	73 7/8 b	73 5/8	2 29/32	"	
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	77 1/2 b	73 3/8 b	73 1/4	3	"	
15	77 5/8	73 1/2	73 3/8	2 15/16	"	
16	77 5/8	73 3/8	73 3/8 a - 1/2	2 15/16	"	
17	76 1/2-5/8	72 3/8 b	72 7/8 a	3 1/32	"	
18	76-76 1/8	72 1/8	72 7/8 b	2 31/32	"	
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	75 5/8-3/4	71 5/8 a	73 1/8 a	2 31/32	"	
22	75 3/8-5/8	71 1/2 a	72 3/4 a	2 63/64	"	
23	74 3/8	70 5/8	72 1/8 a	2 31/32	"	
24	75 1/8-1 1/4	71 1/4	72 1/4	2 31/32	"	
Holiday						
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	77 1/4	73	73 1/4 b	2 15/16	"	
29	76 1/2-5/8	72 3/4 a	73 3/8	2 23/32	"	
30	76	72 1/4	73 1/4 a	2 19/32	"	
31	76 7/8-77	73 1/8	73 7/8	2 23/32	"	

1/ Quotations taken from the price board of the Chicago Board of Trade and converted into United States currency.

2/ Basis for converting closing prices on foreign markets into U. S. value.

NOTE: Canadian currency quotations furnished by a large Chicago bank.

Table 17. OATS: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, December 1953

Date	1953 December future			1954 March future			1954 May future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
<u>1953</u>									
December: Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1 : 77 1/8	76	76 7/8	76 7/8	79 3/8	78 5/8	79 1/4-3/8	77 3/8	76 3/4	77 1/4-3/8
2 : 77 3/4	77 1/8	77 1/2-5/8	77 1/2-5/8	79 7/8	79 3/8	79 3/4-7/8	78	77 1/2	77 7/8-7/8
3 : 78 7/8	77 3/8	78 7/8	78 1/2-5/8	81 3/8	79 7/8	81 1/8-1/4	79 1/3	77 3/4	78 3/4
4 : 79	78 3/8	78 1/2-5/8		81 1/4	80 1/2	80 5/8-3/4	78 7/8	78 1/4	78 1/4-3/8
Saturday:									
Sunday : 7	79 5/8	78 7/8	79-79 3/8	81 7/8	81	81 3/8	79 3/8	78 5/8	79 1/8-1/4
8	79 1/2	77 3/4	78 1/4	81 7/8	80 1/4	80 3/4-7/8	79 5/8	78 1/2	78 7/8
9	78 1/2	77 1/2	77 5/8-7/8	81 1/8	80 1/8	80 1/8-1/4	79 1/8	78 1/8	78 1/8-1/4
10	78 1/2	77 3/8	78 1/4-3/8	80 3/4	80	80 3/4	78 3/4	78	78 3/4
11	78 5/8	77 5/8	77 7/8 a	81	79 1/2	80 1/8-1/4	79	77 7/8	78 1/4-3/8
Saturday:									
Sunday : 14	78 5/8	77 1/4	77 3/8	80 3/8	79 1/4	79 1/4-3/8	78 5/8	77 1/2	77 1/2 b
15	78 1/4	77 3/8	77 3/8	80 1/8	79 1/4	79 3/8-1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	77 5/8
16	77 5/8	77 1/8	77 3/8	79 3/4	79 1/8	79 1/4-1/2	78	77 1/2	77 5/8
17	77 1/2	75 5/8	76 1/4	79 3/8	77 1/2	78 1/4	77 5/8	76	76 1/2-5/8
18	76 1/8	75	75 1/4-3/8	78 1/8	77 3/8	77 3/8-5/8	76 5/8	76	76-76 1/8
Saturday:									
Sunday : 21	75 3/8	72	72-73 1/8	77 3/8	75 3/4	76 1/8-1/2	76 3/8	75 3/8	75 5/8-3/4
22	---	---	---	76 3/4	76	76 1/2-5/8	75 7/8	75 1/4	75 3/8-5/8
23	---	---	---	76 1/2	75 1/8	75 1/2	75 5/8	74 1/8	74 3/8
24	---	---	---	76 3/4	75 1/8	76 5/8-3/4	75 1/4	74	75 1/8-1/4
Holiday :									
Sunday : 28	---	---	---	79 3/8	78	79 1/4-3/8	77 3/8	76 3/8	77 1/4
29	---	---	---	79 1/2	78 1/4	78 3/8	77 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2-5/8
30	---	---	---	78 1/4	77 1/2	77 3/4-7/8	76 1/2	75 3/4	76
31	---	---	---	79 1/8	77 7/8	79-79 1/8	77 1/8	76	76 7/8-7/7

Table 18. RYE: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
December 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contracts markets	Total
1953	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
December				
1	7,862	34	89	7,985
2	5,496	33	25	5,554
3	3,948	43	8	3,999
4	2,977	29	46	3,052
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	3,328	49	23	3,400
8	2,691	12	26	2,729
9	2,343	19	17	2,379
10	5,717	29	28	5,774
11	4,314	26	48	4,388
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	4,597	38	45	4,680
15	2,809	9	31	2,849
16	2,518	35	49	2,602
17	2,724	2	14	2,740
18	2,287	39	19	2,345
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	2,867	10	8	2,885
22	3,875	57	16	3,948
23	6,010	78	54	6,142
24	1,864	16	23	1,903
Holiday				
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	2,058	22	36	2,116
29	2,447	44	14	2,505
30	1,750	44	32	1,826
31	1,511	12	24	1,547
Total				
Dec. 1953	75,993	680	675	77,348
Nov. 1953	95,328	1,813	692	97,833
Dec. 1952	66,893	1,110	343	68,346

Table 19.

RYE:

Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
December 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	December	March	May	July	September	
	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	
1953 December	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1	2,860	2,210	2,595	177		7,862
2	1,625	1,605	2,048	218		5,496
3	1,234	1,027	1,582	105		3,948
4	888	1,148	880	61		2,977
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	1,003	1,272	1,009	44		3,328
8	531	930	1,223	7		2,691
9	351	826	1,111	55		2,343
10	936	1,823	2,712	246		5,717
11	728	1,714	1,670	202		4,314
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	414	1,876	2,037	270		4,597
15	138	1,055	1,453	163		2,809
16	129	1,216	1,091	82		2,518
17	137	909	1,469	209		2,724
18	196	888	1,054	149		2,287
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	745	878	1,081	163		2,867
22	---	1,260	2,114	501		3,875
23	---	2,426	2,758	826		6,010
24	--	657	790	417		1,864
Holiday						
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	582	1,152	319	5	2,058
29	---	801	1,037	564	45	2,447
30	---	453	884	388	25	1,750
31	---	370	858	178	105	1,511
Total						
Dec. 1953	11,935	25,926	32,608	5,344	180	75,993
Nov. 1953	39,998	24,284	26,964	4,082	---	95,328
Dec. 1952	7,651	5	40,116	16,253	2,868	66,893

Table 20. RYE: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
December 1953

Date	Chicago	Minneapolis	Other	Total
	Board of	Grain	contract	
	Trade	Exchange	markets	
1953 <u>December</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>
1	27,545	588	143	28,276
2	26,856	588	150	27,594
3	26,563	582	145	27,290
4	26,576	586	141	27,303
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	26,226	549	138	26,913
8	26,084	553	137	26,774
9	25,764	556	132	26,452
10	25,331	561	142	26,034
11	24,885	557	175	25,617
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	24,757	567	166	25,490
15	24,756	572	164	25,492
16	24,496	567	137	25,200
17	24,501	567	135	25,203
18	24,142	539	134	24,815
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	23,823	534	129	24,486
22	23,823	524	137	24,484
23	24,238	528	134	24,900
24	24,233	524	124	24,881
Holiday				
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	24,399	538	135	25,072
29	24,414	546	137	25,097
30	24,579	547	134	25,260
31	24,564	557	134	25,255

Table 21. RYE: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
December 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	December	March	May	July	September	December	
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953							
December	1,000 bushels						
1	4,083	9,703	11,885	1,874			27,545
2	3,336	9,770	11,934	1,816			26,856
3	2,888	9,909	11,965	1,801			26,563
4	2,681	10,021	12,093	1,781			26,576
Saturday							
Sunday							
7	2,160	10,195	12,082	1,789			26,226
8	1,826	10,197	12,272	1,789			26,084
9	1,626	10,170	12,174	1,794			25,764
10	1,439	10,174	11,898	1,820			25,331
11	1,132	10,127	11,719	1,907			24,885
Saturday							
Sunday							
14	894	10,111	11,803	1,949			24,757
15	816	10,012	12,024	1,904			24,756
16	717	9,917	11,997	1,865			24,496
17	645	9,881	12,096	1,879			24,501
18	488	9,791	11,984	1,879			24,142
Saturday							
Sunday							
21	74	9,863	12,029	1,857			23,823
22	20	9,964	11,956	1,883			23,823
23	---	10,171	11,955	2,112			24,238
24	---	10,065	11,932	2,236			24,233
Holiday							
Saturday							
Sunday							
28	---	10,068	12,088	2,238	5		24,399
29	---	9,928	12,141	2,295	50		24,414
30	---	9,995	12,176	2,348	60		24,579
31	---	9,998	12,090	2,381	95		24,564

Table 22. RYE: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg  
December 1953

Date	1954 May future			Winnipeg Grain Exchange
	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange		
1953				
December	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u> 1/
1	128 3/4-29	126 7/8 b		113 7/8 b
2	128 3/4	128		114 3/8 b
3	128 1/2-3/4	128 a		112 7/8-13
4	127 7/8-28	127 1/4 a		113 7/8 b
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	129 3/4-30	129 1/4 b		115 1/8 a
8	128 3/4-29	127 1/2		114 1/4
9	127 3/4	125 3/4 a		113 a
10	129 1/2-30	128 a		113 1/8
11	131-31 1/4	129 1/2		114 1/8
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	130 3/4-31	129 1/2 a		114 1/4 b
15	130 1/4-1/2	127 1/4		113 a
16	129-29 1/4	128		113 b
17	129 1/4	127 5/8 b		112 7/8 b
18	128	127 a		112 b
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	127 1/2-3/4	126 3/8 b		111 3/4 b
22	124 1/2-3/4	123 7/8 b		111 3/8 b
23	120 1/2-21	119 5/8		107 3/8-5/8
24	121 1/2-3/4	120 1/4 b		108 5/8
Holiday				
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	124 1/2	123 1/4		109 3/4 a
29	123	123		108 3/8
30	122-22 1/4	122 1/2 a		106 7/8-07
31	123 1/4-1/2	123 1/4 a		108 b

1/ Quotations taken from the price board of the Chicago Board of Trade and converted into United States currency.

Table 23. RYE: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, December 1953

Date	1953 December future			1954 March future			1954 May future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1953 December	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1	:121 1/2	118 3/4	121-21 1/4	:126	123 3/4	125 1/2-3/4	:129	126 1/2	128 3/4-29
2	:123	121	121 1/4	:127	1/4	125 3/4	:130	1/2	128 3/4
3	:122 1/4	120 1/2	120 3/4-21	:127	1/4	125 1/2-3/4	:129	7/8	128 1/2-3/4
4	:121 1/4	119 3/4	120 1/4-1/2	:125	3/4	124 1/2	:128	3/4	127 1/4
Saturday :									
Sunday :									
7	:123 3/4	120 7/8	123 3/4	:127	1/2	125	127 1/4-1/2	:130	1/8
8	:124 1/4	122	122 1/2	:127	3/4	125 3/4	:130	1/2	128 1/4
9	:122 3/4	121	121 1/2	:126	3/4	124 3/4	:129	1/4	127 1/4
10	:126	121 1/4	124 1/2-3/4	:129	1/2	125 1/4	:127	3/8	127 3/8
11	:126 1/2	123	126	:129	3/4	127 3/4	:131	1/4	129 1/2-30
Saturday :									
Sunday :									
14	:127 1/2	125 1/2	126-26 1/4	:131	1/2	128 3/4	129-29 1/4	:133	1/2
15	:126	125	125 1/2	:129	3/4	128 1/4	:131	3/4	130 1/4-1/2
16	:126 3/4	123 3/4	123 3/4	:129	1/2	126 5/8-3/4	:131	3/4	129-29 1/4
17	:124 1/4	123 1/4	123 3/4	:127	1/2	126	127 1/2	:129	3/4
18	:124 1/4	122 1/2	122 3/4	:127	1/2	125 1/2	:129	3/4	128 1/4
Saturday :									
Sunday :									
21	:123 1/4	121 1/2	121 1/2-3/4	:126	124 1/2	124 1/2-3/4	:128	3/4	127 1/4
22	---	---	---	:124	121 3/4	121 3/4-22	:127	1/4	124 1/2
23	---	---	---	:122	117 1/4	118 1/4-1/2	:125	119 3/4	120 1/2-21
24	---	---	---	:119	1/2	118 1/2-19	:122	1/4	121 1/2-3/4
Holiday :									
Saturday :									
Sunday :									
28	---	---	---	:121 7/8	120	121 3/4-7/8	:124 1/2	122 1/2	124 1/2
29	---	---	---	:122 1/2	120	120-20 1/4	:125	123	123
30	---	---	---	:120 1/4	119 1/4	119 1/4-1/2	:123	121 3/4	122-22 1/4
31	---	---	---	:120 1/2	119 1/4	120 3/8	:123 1/2	122 1/2	123 1/4-1/2

Table 24. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
December 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Kansas City Board of Trade	Total
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
<u>1953</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<u>December</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>
1	---	---	---
2	---	---	---
3	---	---	---
4	---	560	560
Saturday			
Sunday			
7	300	---	300
8	---	---	---
9	---	---	---
10	---	---	---
11	---	---	---
Saturday			
Sunday			
14	---	---	---
15	---	---	---
16	---	---	---
17	---	---	---
18	---	280	280
Saturday			
Sunday			
21	---	---	---
22	---	---	---
23	---	---	---
24	---	---	---
Holiday			
Saturday			
Sunday			
28	---	---	---
29	---	---	---
30	---	---	---
31	---	---	---
Total			
Dec. 1953	300	840	1,140
Nov. 1953	300	29,400	29,700
Dec. 1952	10,200	1,960	12,160

Table 25. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
December 1953

Date	Future		All futures
	December	March	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	
1953 December	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
1	---	---	---
2	---	---	---
3	---	---	---
4	---	---	---
Saturday			
Sunday			
7	300	---	300
8	---	---	---
9	---	---	---
10	---	---	---
11	---	---	---
Saturday			
Sunday			
14	---	---	---
15	---	---	---
16	---	---	---
17	---	---	---
18	---	---	---
Saturday			
Sunday			
21	---	---	---
22	---	---	---
23	---	---	---
24	---	---	---
Holiday			
Saturday			
Sunday			
28	---	---	---
29	---	---	---
30	---	---	---
31	---	---	---
Total			
Dec. 1953	300	---	300
Nov. 1953	300	---	300
Dec. 1952	6,300	3,900	10,200

Table 26. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
December 1953

Date	Chicago	Kansas City	Total
	Board of	Board of	
	Trade	Trade	
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>December</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>
1	300	840	1,140
2	300	840	1,140
3	300	840	1,140
4	300	1,400	1,700
Saturday			
Sunday			
7	---	1,400	1,400
8	---	840	840
9	---	840	840
10	---	---	---
11	---	---	---
Saturday			
Sunday			
14	---	---	---
15	---	---	---
16	---	---	---
17	---	---	---
18	---	280	280
Saturday			
Sunday			
21	---	280	280
22	---	280	280
23	---	280	280
24	---	---	---
Holiday			
Saturday			
Sunday			
28	---	---	---
29	---	---	---
30	---	---	---
31	---	---	---

Table 27. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
December 1953

Date	Future		All futures
	December	March	
1953 <u>December</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
1	300	---	300
2	300	---	300
3	300	---	300
4	300	---	300
Saturday			
Sunday			
7	---	---	---
8	---	---	---
9	---	---	---
10	---	---	---
11	---	---	---
Saturday			
Sunday			
14	---	---	---
15	---	---	---
16	---	---	---
17	---	---	---
18	---	---	---
Saturday			
Sunday			
21	---	---	---
22	---	---	---
23	---	---	---
24	---	---	---
Holiday			
Saturday			
Sunday			
28	---	---	---
29	---	---	---
30	---	---	---
31	---	---	---

Table 28. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Daily closing prices, at Chicago and Kansas City  
December 1953

Date	1953 December future			
	Chicago		Kansas City	
	Board of	Board of	Board of	Board of
	Trade	Trade	Trade	Trade
1953				
<u>December</u>		<u>Cents</u>		<u>Cents</u>
1	275	n	242	1/2 b
2	275	n	242	1/2 n
3	275	n	241	1/2 b
4	275	n	242	
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	271		242	a
8	---		242	n
9	---		242	n
10	---		242	n
11	---		241	3/4 a
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	---		241	3/4 n
15	---		241	3/4 a
16	---		238	a
17	---		238	n
18	---		240	1/2
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	---		240	a
22	---		---	
23	---		---	
24	---		---	
Holiday				
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	---		---	
29	---		---	
30	---		---	
31	---		---	



Table 29. SOYBEANS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
December 1953

Date	Future							All futures
	January	March	May	July	September	November		
	1,000 bushels							
1953 December								
1	6,582	8,664	5,566	6,222	1,973			29,007
2	6,103	6,979	3,737	5,022	2,715			24,556
3	3,790	6,092	3,475	4,794	3,546			21,697
4	4,221	5,300	3,195	3,758	2,128			18,602
Saturday								
Sunday								
7	2,910	4,559	3,476	2,953	1,166			15,064
8	4,514	6,852	3,581	4,140	2,424			21,511
9	5,792	10,560	6,677	6,799	1,752			31,580
10	4,193	8,740	5,492	5,100	1,245			24,770
11	4,810	10,248	5,174	4,822	924			25,978
Saturday								
Sunday								
14	2,253	5,618	2,627	3,063	519			14,080
15	3,330	7,304	4,254	4,143	633			19,664
16	4,781	9,539	4,738	5,119	1,344			25,521
17	4,968	9,021	5,684	4,554	970			25,197
18	4,230	10,653	4,560	4,888	1,423			25,754
Saturday								
Sunday								
21	2,675	6,142	2,914	2,493	860			15,084
22	2,800	6,225	3,618	3,532	607			16,782
23	2,456	5,598	3,338	2,953	718			15,063
24	2,212	4,558	2,261	1,924	617			11,572
Holiday								
Saturday								
Sunday								
28	3,628	10,347	5,035	5,809	1,671	621		27,111
29	2,860	9,413	5,013	5,270	1,291	501		24,348
30	4,020	8,433	4,770	3,972	802	689		22,686
31	4,316	7,647	4,598	3,316	866	400		21,143
Total								
Dec. 1953	87,444	168,492	93,783	94,646	30,194	2,211		476,770
Nov. 1953	130,547	102,711	67,319	67,960	11,405	24,913		404,855
Dec. 1952	112,334	86,387	61,609	24,153	5,328	---		289,811

Table 30. SOYBEANS:

Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
December 1953

Date	Future						All futures	
	January	March	May	July	September	November		
	1,000 bushels							
1953								
December								
1	20,274	29,954	22,792	22,921	5,092			101,033
2	19,823	30,737	23,087	23,858	5,098			102,603
3	19,964	31,773	23,754	24,183	5,163			104,837
4	19,779	31,942	24,339	24,954	4,998			106,012
Saturday								
Sunday								
7	19,475	32,687	25,016	25,491	5,133			107,802
8	18,609	33,014	25,471	26,004	5,950			109,048
9	17,759	33,289	25,899	26,531	5,909			109,387
10	17,859	33,760	25,642	26,299	5,910			109,470
11	17,868	34,485	25,247	26,997	6,173			110,770
Saturday								
Sunday								
14	17,810	34,356	25,083	26,856	6,137			110,242
15	17,025	34,402	25,307	27,402	6,299			110,435
16	16,667	34,127	25,095	27,387	6,605			109,881
17	16,153	34,311	24,609	27,486	6,715			109,274
18	16,021	33,953	24,787	27,268	6,495			108,524
Saturday								
Sunday								
21	15,642	34,365	25,119	27,253	6,529			108,908
22	15,529	34,638	25,370	27,187	6,589			109,313
23	15,535	34,927	25,596	27,204	6,606			109,868
24	15,282	35,426	25,452	27,426	6,598			110,184
Holiday								
Saturday								
Sunday								
28	14,909	35,904	25,579	27,853	6,743	453		111,441
29	14,791	35,605	26,203	28,379	6,656	783		112,417
30	14,438	35,855	26,205	28,808	6,752	999		113,057
31	14,022	36,014	26,522	29,065	6,775	1,173		113,571

Table 31. SOYBEANS: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, December 1953

Date	1954 January future		1954 March future		1954 May future	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Closing
1953	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
December						
1	:313 1/2	311 1/4	312 1/4-3/4	:313 3/4	310 1/2	312 1/2-3/4
2	:314 1/2	311 1/2	313 1/2-3/4	:314 3/4	311 1/2	313-13 1/4
3	:313	310	310 1/4-1/2	:313 1/4	310 1/2	310 3/4-11
4	:311	308	308 1/4-1/2	:311 1/2	308 3/4	309-09 1/4
Saturday	:	:	:	:	:	:
Sunday	:					
7	:310 3/4	308	310 1/2-3/4	:312 1/4	308 3/4	312-12 1/4
8	:311 3/4	308 3/4	309-09 1/4	:313 1/4	310 1/4	310 1/4-1/2
9	:308 3/4	301 1/4	303 1/4-1/2	:310 1/4	301 1/2	303 3/4-04
10	:307 1/4	302 1/4	306 1/4-1/2	:306 3/4	302 3/4	306-06 1/4
11	:308 1/4	302 5/8	307 3/4-08	:309	303 1/2	308 3/4-09
Saturday	:	:	:	:	:	:
Sunday	:					
14	:307 3/4	304 3/4	305	:308 1/4	305 3/4	305 3/4-06
15	:306	303	303-03 1/4	:307	303 1/4	303 1/2-3/4
16	:305 1/4	300	300-300 1/2	:305 3/8	300	301 1/4-1/2
17	:303 1/2	298 1/2	303 1/4-1/2	:304	299	303 1/2-04
18	:301 1/4	298 1/4	299 1/2-3/4	:302	298 3/4	300 1/2-3/4
Saturday	:	:	:	:	:	:
Sunday	:					
21	:301	298 3/4	299 3/4-300	:302 1/4	299 7/8	301 1/4-1/2
22	:302 3/4	299 1/2	302 1/4-1/2	:304 3/4	301 1/2	304-04 1/4
23	:303 3/4	302	302 3/4-03	:305 1/2	303 3/4	304 3/4-05
24	:305 3/4	302 3/4	305 1/2-3/4	:307 1/2	305	307 1/4-1/2
Holiday	:	:	:	:	:	:
Saturday	:					
Sunday	:					
28	:311 3/4	306	311 1/2-3/4	:313	307 3/4	312 3/4-13
29	:311 1/4	307 1/2	307 1/2-3/4	:313	309 3/4	310 1/2
30	:307 3/4	305	305 1/4-1/2	:310	307 1/4	307 3/4-08
31	:311 1/2	304 3/4	310 1/2-11	:312 1/4	307	311 1/2-3/4

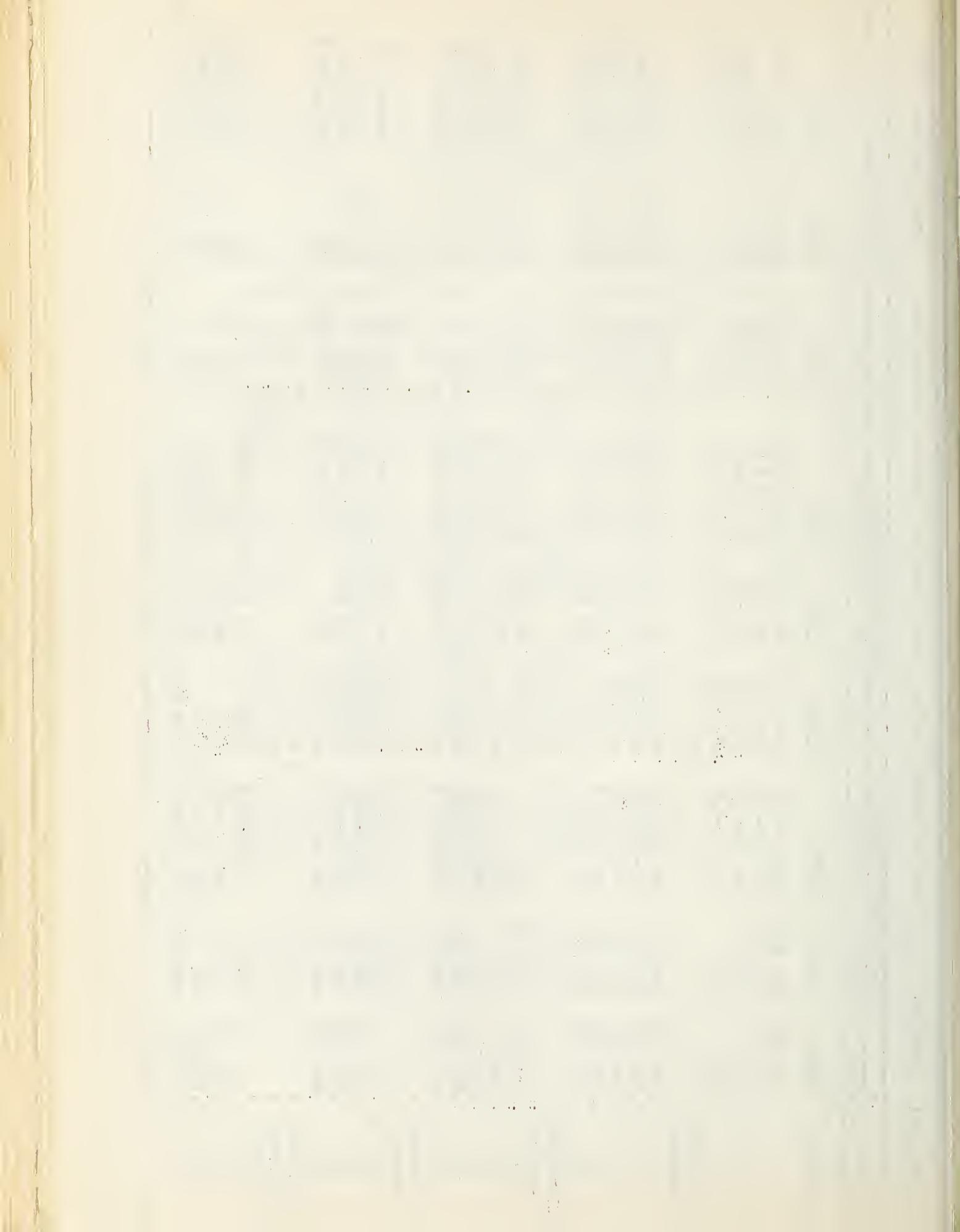
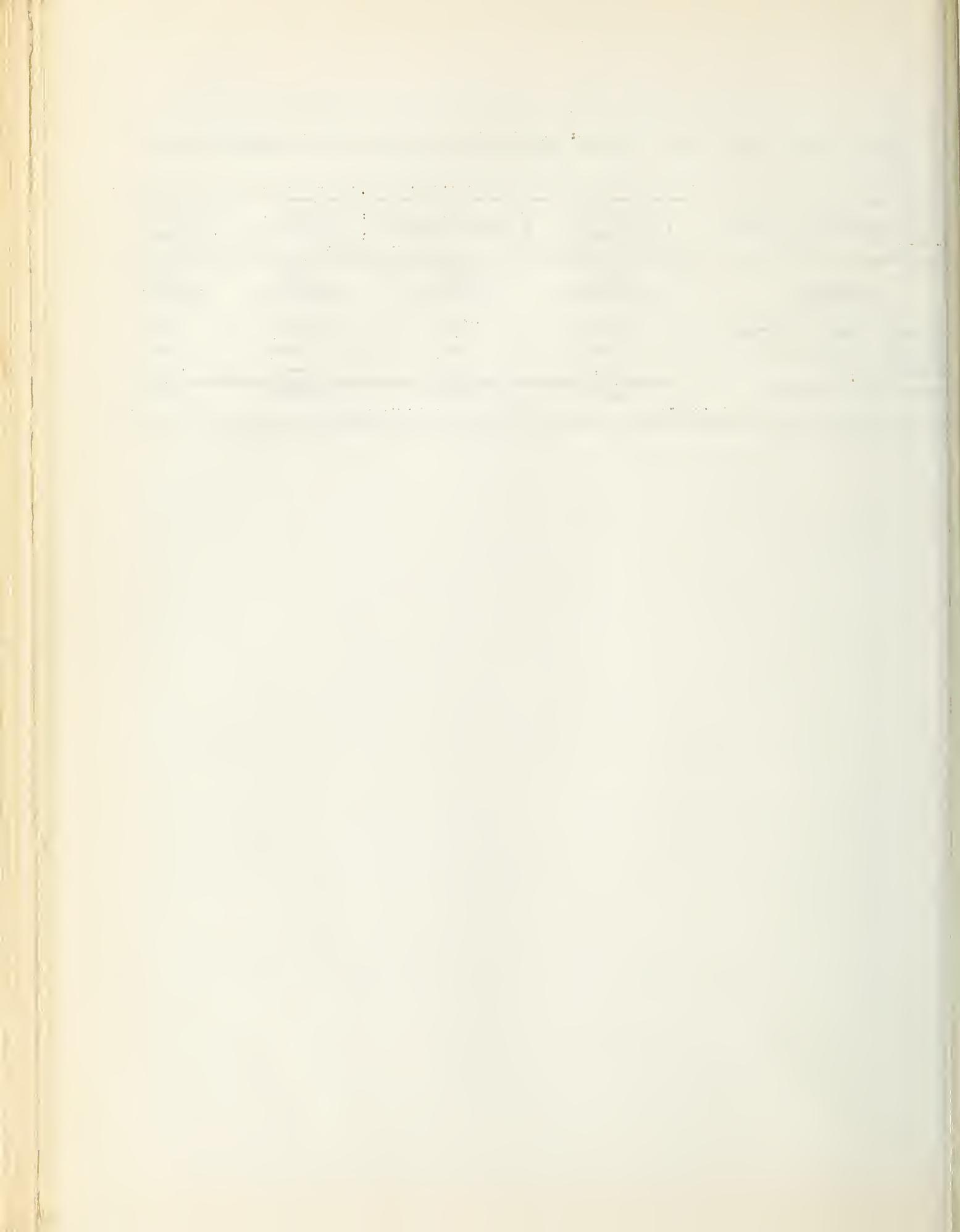


Table 32. 1953 NOVEMBER FUTURE: Deliveries of grain on all contract markets

Commodity and Market	Initial Deliveries	Redeliveries	Total Deliveries	Notices Passed
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
<u>SOYBEANS</u>				
Chicago Board of Trade	1,657	1,706	3,363	750
Chicago Open Board	---	---	---	---
Minneapolis	---	---	---	---
Total, all markets	1,657	1,706	3,363	750



United States Department of Agriculture  
COMMODITY EXCHANGE AUTHORITY  
J. M. Mehl, Administrator

Field Offices

Chicago 4, Illinois

Arthur W. Mayo, In charge  
Room 1200, Board of Trade Building  
141 W. Jackson Blvd.

Markets Supervised

Chicago Board of Trade  
Chicago Mercantile Exchange  
Chicago Open Board  
Milwaukee Grain Exchange  
Portland Grain Exchange  
San Francisco Grain Exchange  
Seattle Grain Exchange

Kansas City 6, Missouri

L. E. Wolf, In charge  
854 Board of Trade Building

Kansas City Board of Trade  
Merchants Exchange of St. Louis

Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Gerald J. Swoboda, In charge  
510 Grain Exchange Building

Duluth Board of Trade  
Minneapolis Grain Exchange

New Orleans 12, Louisiana

W. D. Espy, In charge  
Room 306, New Orleans Cotton  
Exchange Building

Memphis Merchants Exchange  
Clearing Association  
New Orleans Cotton Exchange

New York 4, New York

Roy Tipton, In charge  
Room 602, New York Cotton  
Exchange Building

New York Cotton Exchange  
New York Mercantile Exchange  
New York Produce Exchange  
Wool Associates of the New York  
Cotton Exchanges, Inc.

